(c) whether any proposal has been received by Government from Maharashtra Government to set up food park in the state;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) time by which proposal will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) On its own, the Department of Food Processing Industries does not set up Food Processing Industrial Estate/Park. However, assistance is provided under the Plan scheme for setting up such Parks to create Common Facilities in the form of uninterrupted power supply, Cold Storage/Ice plant/Warehousing facility, Effluent Treatment Plant, Quality Control and Analytical Laboratory and Major Processing Facility like Fruit Concentrate/Pulp making unit etc., so that the high capital intensive Common Facilities could be used by the down stream Secondary Processor to manufacture higher value added products with lesser investment. These estates/parks can be set up by PSUs/Joint/Assisted/Private sector/NGOs/Cooperatives. The assistance provided is upto Rs. 400.00 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited submitted a proposal in January, 2000 for setting up of a Food Processing Park at Butibori, Nagpur. Since the proposal was incomplete, it had to be sent back to the Corporation for completion.

(e) Unless a proposal complete in all respects, is received from the Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, no decision can be taken nor it is possible to fix a time for its approval.

Assessment of Foodgrain Production

†475. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the situation of foodgrains production in the country in view of adverse effect on the foodgrains production due to drought situation in a number of State in the current year;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action being taken by Government with regard to the assessment of foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Certain parts of the country were affected during 1999-2000 because of adverse agro-climatic conditions which resulted in water shortage and drought situation in certain areas. Despite these adverse agro-climatic conditions, there was no adverse effect on the overall foodgrains production and the country is expected to achieve a record production of 205.91 million tonnes of foodgrains.

(c) The Government periodically assess the production of foodgrains and other commercial crops. According to the latest assessment done on 29th June, 2000, the production of foodgrains during 1999-2000 is estimated at 205.91 million tonnes which is an all time record.

Food Production in North-Eastern States

476. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of food production *vis-a-vis* food requirement in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Tripura has submitted any perspective plan for achieving self-sufficiency in food by the year 2010;

(c) whether any details action plan for achieving the objectives for the next two years (2000-2001) has been submitted by the said Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A statement indicating State-wise food production *vis-a-vis* food requirement in North-Eastern states is attached. (*see* below)